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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

I am writing today to express my strong support for the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011.

When the Clean Air Act was originally enacted, it was not the expectation of Congress that this Act be applied to greenhouse gases. In fact, the Act was designed to regulate ambient air quality and hazardous air pollutants, among other matters. Moreover, the regulation of greenhouse gases was not mandated by the Supreme Court ruling and therefore is not necessarily required by the Clean Air Act.

It is clear to us at American Electric Power that the issue of climate change policy should be addressed exclusively through the legislative process. The Congress of the United States is better equipped to holistically evaluate not only the environmental impacts of greenhouse gases but also the impacts of greenhouse regulation on the economy, employment, energy and international trade. I firmly believe that this approach is crucial to ensuring a sound national policy.

I again thank you for your leadership on this important matter, and AEP looks forward to working with you to enact this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael G. Morris'.

Michael J. Morris